



REPRESENTING ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 35

Assemblymember

**Pedro Nava**



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## Assemblymember Nava Launches Condor Protection Website

**Website features contest to name newest member of Condor family**

**Sacramento-** Twenty years ago, wild California Condors were all but extinct. Only 27 of the birds remained. Today, because of a successful captive breeding program, the number of wild California condors has increased to 140. Although promising, the program and the condors it attempts to save faces their biggest threat yet—lead.

Scavengers from the time of wooly mammoths and saber toothed tigers, today condors eat carcasses left by hunters. These carcasses are laden with fragments of lead ammunition. Condors, mistaking these fragments for bones, ingest the lead and become stricken with life-threatening lead poisoning. If left unchecked, and untreated, lead poisoning would have killed nearly half of the California Condors flying wild today.



Photo Courtesy of Dave Monley

In response, Assemblymember Nava introduced AB 821 to require the use of non-lead ammunition in condor range. There are many affordable substitutes available.

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## Assemblymember Pedro Nava's Legislative Package Moves Forward

**Sacramento** – Eight bills authored or co-authored by Assemblymember Pedro Nava, Chair of the Assembly Transportation Committee and Chair of the Joint Committee on Emergency Services and Homeland Security successfully passed from the Assembly with broad or unanimous bi-partisan support and move on to the Senate. Below is a description of these bills:

### **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS DISASTER RESPONSE**

**AB 319-** Establishes the California Tsunami Preparedness and Mitigation Steering Committee to bring together coastal agencies and the state to address the threat of tsunamis.

### **SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY**

**AB 321-**Permits local jurisdictions, should they choose, to lower the speed limit to 25 mph between 1000 and 500 feet of a school and to 15 mph within 500 feet of a school.

**AB 57-** Extends indefinitely the popular Safe Routes to School Program that was set to expire in 2008.

### **HIGH SCHOOL EXIT EXAM ASSISTANCE**

**AB 347-**Provide the necessary support to ensure that students who are working to complete the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) have the resources they need to pass and receive their high school diploma.

### **FARMWORKER HOUSING**

**AB 762-** Makes improvements to the Joe Serna Jr. Farmworker Housing Grant Program to ensure that funds are efficiently used for housing California's agricultural workers.

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According to Nava, "A condor, poisoned acutely from lead fragments was sent to the Los Angeles zoo for emergency treatment. After \$10,000 worth of invasive treatment this condor survived to hatch the first wild condor chick in the Ventana Wilderness in California in over 100 years." "With the passage of AB 821 from the Assembly and on its way to the Senate, California is one step closer to protecting the newest member of the condor family from its biggest threat, lead ammunition."

To garner support for condor protection, Assemblymember Nava launched a website "[Savethecondor.com](http://Savethecondor.com)." Register now to support AB 821 and enter the contest to help name the newest addition to the California condor family!

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**VOTER APPROVED BOND ACCOUNTABILITY**

**AB 995-** Guides implementation of Proposition 1B, the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Fund of 2006.

**MAKING EVERY VOTE COUNT**

**AB 1167-** Ensures that absentee ballots get delivered even if they have insufficient postage.

**IMPROVE LOCAL CONTROL**

**AB 1611-** Authorizes the California Transportation Commission (CTC), to relinquish to the City of Oxnard portions of State Routes 1 (better known as Oxnard Boulevard), 34, and 232 within the city.

**California Association of Museums Honors Assemblymember Nava**

**Santa Barbara-** At a ceremony on May 18th in front of the future site of the California Condor Habitat at the Santa Barbara Zoo, Assemblymember Nava was awarded the California Association of Museums (CAM) 2007 President's Award. The award was presented by President of CAM and Executive Director of Santa Barbara Zoo Richard Block. Other attendees included Executive Director of the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History Karl Hutterer and Santa Barbara Museum of Art Executive Director Phillip Johnston.

The California Association of Museums represents historical societies, cultural centers, art museums, botanical gardens, science centers, tribal museums, zoos, aquariums, and children's museums. According to the CAM website, recipients of the California Association of Museums' President's Award are "elected officials in California state government who have shown support of California museums, demonstrated a continuing commitment to museums in California, and shown publicly their support of museums in their local district."

Assemblymember Nava received the award in front of the future California Condor habitat at the Santa Barbara Zoo, a member organization of CAM. "I am honored and deeply humbled to be recognized by the Association," said Nava. "I am committed to enhancing and advocating for our museums and the important role they play throughout California and that they will be here for our children and grandchildren to enjoy."

Local Museum and Cultural Institution Contacts:

**Santa Barbara Museum of Art**  
(805) 963-4364  
[bmuseart.org](http://bmuseart.org)

**Barbara Museum of Natural History**  
(805) 682-4711  
[bnature.org](http://bnature.org)

**Santa Barbara Zoo**  
(805) 962-5339  
[www.sbzoo.org](http://www.sbzoo.org)



Assemblymember Nava (2<sup>nd</sup> to left) receives award from (from left) Philip Johnson (SB Museum of Art), Richard Block (SB Zoo), and Karl Hutterer (SB Museum of Natural History)

## Assemblymember Nava Thanks Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger for Vetoing BHP Billiton's Cabrillo Port Liquified Natural Gas Factory



**Ventura/Oxnard**— Assemblymember Pedro Nava thanks Governor Schwarzenegger for vetoing BHP's Billiton's Cabrillo Port LNG (Liquified Natural Gas) project on May 18, 2007. After being rejected by the California State Lands Commission and the California Coastal Commission, the Governor dealt the final blow to an ill-conceived project with damaging impacts to the health and safety of coastal residents and the environment.

"As Chair of the Joint Committee on Emergency Services and Homeland Security, I am pleased that the governor vetoed BHP's Cabrillo Port LNG project," said Nava. "The governor understood the risks of this project and that it would pose irreparable harm to marine resources, air quality and place in jeopardy thousands of people along our precious coast. The governor did the right thing. Thank you."

"In my opinion and supported by research, the Cabrillo Port LNG facility, which was proposed just fourteen miles off the coast of Oxnard, would

have from extraction in Australia to consumption in the United States generated 23 million tons of greenhouse gasses, the equivalent of 4 million cars. Additionally, a terrorist attack on such a facility would have put at risk thousands of people along the coast. For at least the next 40 years, it would have discouraged progress made in advancing renewable energy and shackle us to yet another foreign imported energy source."

## Santa Barbara Mayor Pro Tem Das Williams in Sacramento to support Assemblymember Nava's Recycled Road Base Environmental Legislation

**Sacramento**—Testifying that California needs to protect the environment and divert waste from landfills, Santa Barbara Mayor pro tem Das Williams testified in support of Assemblymember Nava's Assembly Bill 484 at the Assembly Transportation Committee.

The idea for AB 484 was introduced to Nava by Williams, based on his research that instead of dumping heavy, space-hogging concrete and asphalt into California landfills, this material should be recycled into road base.

A source of aggregate, used in virtually every road and highway, has been quarries. Now, counties in California are refusing to permit quarries because of environmental concerns from local communities about the impact of mining.

Williams' solution: recycle aggregate that would otherwise be dumped into landfills. Diverted from landfills, concrete and asphalt are ground up and turned into a recycled foundation mixture that replaces sand and gravel. Williams, and Assemblymember Nava, want to increase the use of this recycled material.

"AB 484 will help the environment by requiring Caltrans to use recycled aggregate base in its road and construction projects when it is cost effective," said Williams. "From the local perspective, often the best thing that the state can do is lead by example."

AB 484 passed the Assembly Floor and is now awaiting hearing before the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee.



(Photo Courtesy of City of Santa Barbara)  
Councilmember Das Williams advocates protecting the environment through the use of recycled road base.



## Nava Supports Foodbank of Santa Barbara County

**Santa Barbara-** Assemblymember Nava toured the Foodbank of Santa Barbara County and met with staff on Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>.

The foodbank facility houses shelves of non-perishable food items and personal hygiene products for distribution to Foodbank member agencies. The warehouse complex also has refrigeration facilities to store donated produce from local farmers. **Santa Barbara County farmers donate more produce to their local food banks than any other county group of farmers in the United States.**

In 2006, over 100,000 people in Santa Barbara County were served by Foodbank member agencies. "The Foodbank plays a very important role by providing food to more than 100,000 people in need throughout Santa Barbara County," said Nava. "The organization is a testament to those who give their time and resources to others in our community."

The Foodbank is an official distributor to over 220 social service agencies, churches, and community groups throughout Santa Barbara County. These agencies and groups include children and senior programs, emergency food pantries, soup kitchens, and emergency and residential shelters. For more information on services provided, contact Foodbank of Santa Barbara County at (805) 967-5741, or visit their website at [www.foodbanksbc.org](http://www.foodbanksbc.org).



Assemblymember Nava with (from left) Diane Durst, Director of Corporate and Individual Giving, and Kathy Hayes, Director of Operations.

## June is Adopt-A Cat Month

### Assemblymember Pedro Nava Tours Santa Barbara County Animal Shelter

**Goleta-** Assemblymember Nava toured the Animal Shelter Assistance Program (ASAP) at the Santa Barbara County Animal Shelter with Sharon Metsch from ASAP and Santa Barbara County Animal Services Director Jan Glick. June is Adopt-a-Cat month and ASAP is working to find good homes for the many adult cats that have found their way to the County Animal Shelter.

ASAP is a volunteer-based, non-profit organization that takes care of the cats and kittens at the Santa Barbara County Animal Shelter. ASAP provides humane care for these animals and works to eliminate the practice of euthanizing them for reasons other than terminal health and/or serious behavior problems.



Assemblymember Nava plays with a kitten at SB County Animal Shelter. Nava toured the facility to highlight June as Adopt-A-Cat Month.

"Five years ago, my wife and I adopted Luna from this very shelter. It is important to get the word out to promote animal adoption. The animal shelter and support organizations like ASAP play a vital role in supporting the shelters activities and finding homes for abandoned and unwanted cats," said Nava.

Every year, over 430,000 cats and dogs from animal shelters in California are put down because they have no home. ASAP and Assemblymember Nava encourages anyone considering adopting a cat and can provide a good home to come visit the shelter.

For information regarding ASAP's *Adopt 2 adult cats or kittens over 6 months of age for the price of 1 program* please call 805-683-3368 or view the cats online at <http://www.asapcats.org/>.

## Assemblymember Nava Applauds Santa Barbara Team Bike Challenge

**Santa Barbara** – June marks Traffic Solutions', a division of Santa Barbara County Association of Governments, third annual free month-long event featuring competition between teams of five who earn points by making trips by bike instead of car. The Team Bike Challenge tracks utilitarian trips by bicycle (utilitarian is defined as a trip for transportation, not purely for recreation) and is designed to encourage more utilitarian bicycling in Santa Barbara County.

Participants register online through the Team Bike Challenge website and prizes are awarded to the top 185 teams, and include gift certificates for movie tickets, to the iTunes store, and to local bike shops. Participation is open to anyone who lives or works in Santa Barbara County.

Last year over 1,100 participants made over 40,000 trips and traveled 130,000 miles by bicycle (5 times around the earth). This year, the goal is "shooting for the moon in June" (240,000 miles).

"I applaud the goal of the Team Bike Challenge to reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality by encouraging people to make smarter transportation choices. Encouraging those who live and work in Santa Barbara County to establish new bicycle transportation routines also promotes health and well being through physical activity", said Nava, who chairs the Assembly Transportation Committee.

To find out more about the Traffic Solutions Team Bike Challenge, call (805) 963-SAVE or visit <http://trafficsolutions.info>.



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